WHEREAS, The Indian culture and people have played a significant role in the history and development of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The customs, language and traditions of the Indian culture are still a vital aspect in the lives of a major portion of the population of our State; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the Indian culture be preserved and that the citizens of the State gain exposure to the rich heritage of this culture in order to achieve a greater understanding between all the people of our State; and,

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that all the people of South Dakota pause to pay special tribute to the contributions of Indian people to the advancement of our State:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the day of Saturday, June 23, 1973, as

INDIAN CULTURE DAY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and urge all South Dakotans to pay special tribute to the Indian people of our State on that day and to take special note of their contributions to our broader society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 20th day of June, in the Year Of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE